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TAGS: CASC, SP (THOMAS, ANNE)

SUBJECT: ANN THOMAS/CONGRESSMAN KOCH INTEREST

FROM MCCLOSKEY

REF: SEVILLE'S 122

1. I APPRECIATE THE GOOD WORK BY THE MISSION IN ATTENDING TO ANN THOMAS AND ARRANGING FOR HER EARLY RETURN TO THE US. HER FAMILY IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THEIR DAUGHTER.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, MY OFFICE AND SCS WERE PLACED IN AN EMBARRASSING POSITION WITH CONGRESSMAN KOCH BECAUSE OF THE LATE ARRIVAL OF THE REF CABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT. AT ONE POINT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, KOCH CALLED MY OFFICE AND ASKED WHY THE DEPARTMENT HAD FAILED TO ADVISE HIM THAT MISS THOMAS WAS ARRIVING VIA IBERIA THAT AFTERNOON AS HE UNDERSTOOD FROM A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE EMBASSY THAT A CABLE HAD BEEN SENT ADVISING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ETA. WE WERE

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IN NO POSITION TO CONFIRM BECAUSE THE CABLE HAD NOT ARRIVED.

THIS LEFT THE IMPRESSION WITH KOCH THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS
NOT ON TOP OF THINGS. I WOULD ADVISE THAT IF CALLS ARE
MADE TO A CONGRESSMAN THAT THIS OFFICE BE ADVISED IMMEDIATE-
LY THEREAFTER TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE FULLY BRIEFED. KISSINGER

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